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TELLURIDE FOUNDATION AWARDS ANNUAL COMMUNITY GRANTS

83 Regional Organizations Benefit from Generosity of Foundation Donors

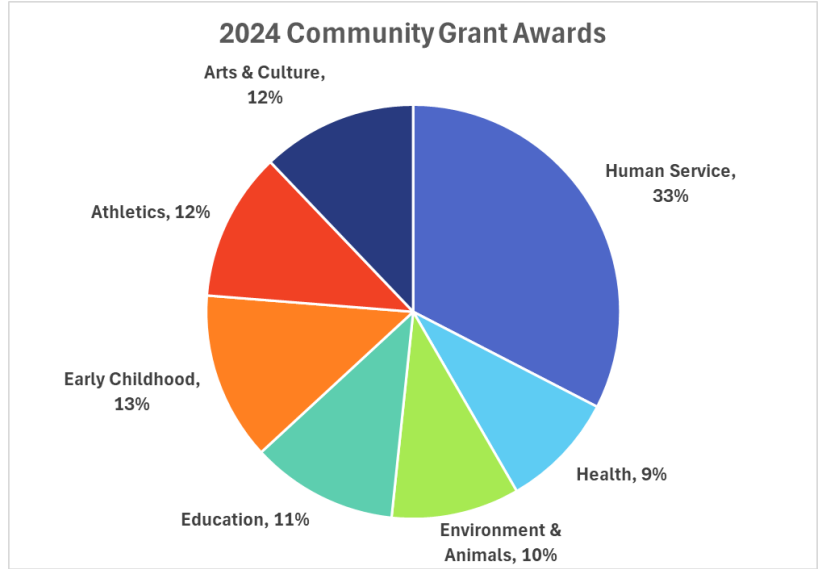
TELLURIDE, Colo. (Dec. 31, 2024) – The Telluride Foundation’s Community Grants provide an annual financial boost to regional nonprofits, supporting critical services for individuals and families as well as programs that enhance the community. Youth education programs, watershed groups, medical clinics and public health programs, and arts organizations represent the breadth and diversity of the organizations that received grants this December. These organizations - and many more - enrich and sustain our region, and the Foundation is proud to be able to support so many community partners.

The Telluride Foundation recently announced its 2024 Community Grants, awarding \$1,200,000 to regional nonprofits. These grants will be distributed to organizations working every day to improve the quality of life in the communities of Nucla/Naturita, Norwood, Telluride, Rico, Ridgway, Ouray and everywhere in between. “We are thrilled to be able to award a record amount \$1.2 million, thanks to the generosity of Foundation donors.” said Jason Corzine, President of the Telluride Foundation. “It was certainly helpful to have more money to award, as the number of application and critical needs has continued to increase.” In addition to the \$1.2 million in Community Grants awards, the Foundation contributed an additional \$5.5 million to the community through its initiatives, scholarships, donor advised fund grants, and other programs this year, making the total impact of the Foundation throughout the region to be \$6.7M for 2024!”



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In its 2024 Community Grants cycle, the Foundation received a record 93 applications seeking almost \$1.8 million. Of the \$1,200,000 awarded, \$125,000 will support three capital projects, including the Cimmaron Athletic Field in Ridgway, Ouray Housing Trust's rental project, and the Telluride Aids Benefit's office purchase. Grant awards ranged from



\$1,400 to \$157,500, with 42 percent funding health and human services; 24 percent to early childhood development and education; 12 percent to arts and culture; 12 percent to athletic groups; and 10 percent to the environment/animals. This distribution, with an emphasis on health and human service, has remained relatively constant over the Foundation's grant making history.

The Telluride Foundation's Community Grant award recommendations were drafted by a ten-member Grants Committee, all of whom sit on the Foundation's Executive Board or Leadership Council. The Committee evaluated the grant requests against a rigorous set of criteria and then forwarded their recommendations for funding to the full Executive Board for review and final approval. The Grants Committee is comprised of Megan McManemin, Chair, Arnie Chavkin, Sara Bachman, Kim Fulton, DeeDee Decker, Danny Craft, Liliana Racine, Steve Raymund, Ximena Rebolledo-Leon, and Ross Valdez. Their recommendations were reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting on December 31st. The Foundation's next round of Community Grant applications will be accepted in the fall of 2025 and announced at the end of December 2025.

Since its inception in 2000, the Telluride Foundation has provided over \$90 million in grants and other financial support to the Telluride region. The Foundation's generous donors not only enable its annual Community Grant awards but have also allowed the Foundation to expand



the reach of its Impact Initiatives, including Workforce Housing, Telluride Venture Network, Food Security, Tri-County Health Network, Climate & Conservation, and Workforce Development.

The Telluride Foundation is committed to enriching the quality of life of the residents, workforce, and visitors of the Telluride region. It is a nonprofit, apolitical community foundation that makes grants and runs programs in arts, education, health and human services, community development, and social enterprise. The Foundation strives to achieve excellence for the community through its mission and core values of inclusion, self-reliance, and innovation. Our work is funded through the generous support of hundreds of donors as well as grants from state and national foundations. Please visit www.telluridefoundation.org.